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KAREN: Please acknowledge receipt. Thanx.

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From: V.L. Scott
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Subject: Strategic Petroleum Reserve Expansion

I was unable to attend the presentation in Lake Jackson, TX by David Johnson, director of planning and engineering for the D. O. E., due to a previous commitment but do wish to comment on a new site for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

The proposed site at Stratton Ridge is a logical expansion of the Bryan Mound site. It is close enough to be administered by existing experienced supervision and further inland to protect from possible hurricane damage. It is adjacent to similar operations and pipelines to facilitate receiving and dispersing oil. It is remote enough to easily protect from terrorism but accessible by good secondary roads.

Other industries in the area--Dow Chemical, BASF, Freeport LNG, Kinder Morgan Pipelines, ConocoPhillips, El Paso, and others--can be counted on for their technical support and cooperation. The Port of Freeport will always be ready to assist in any way they can to facilitate this important project.

The Brazosport area is home for a number of contractors experienced in plant construction and maintenance with adequate craftsmen to undertake this project. Adequate housing is available.

Economic advantages include the availability of supervisory personnel at Bryan Mound, existence of infrastructure, and the possible disposal of brine via Dow Chemical who uses large quantities as raw material for chlorine production. Also, Environmental Impact studies have been made by industries operating in adjacent areas.

Finally, residents of the area are familiar with industrial activity and will be favorably inclined to additional plants. The largest employers are in the chemical industry and many of their retirees still live here.

Thank you for making these comments possible.

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